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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, PINR, KS  
SUBJECT: NEW ROK AMBASSADOR TO PARAGUAY

REF: SEOUL 5187

1. FORMER ROK AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA PAK JUN HA (LOCALLY USED ROMANIZATION) WAS, ALWAYS FRIENDLY TO PERSONNEL OF THIS EMBASSY. HIS SPOKEN ENGLISH IS AT ABOUT THE "3" LEVEL; HE SPEAKS NO SPANISH WHATSOEVER BUT INTENDS TO WORK ON IT EVEN BEFORE ARRIVAL ASUNCION. HE IS AFRAID THAT AT HIS AGE THE TASK MAY BE TOO DIFFICULT. HE OBVIOUSLY WAS NOT THRILLED BY PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE OF ASSIGNMENT IN CITY WITHOUT WIDE RANGE OF DIP CONTACTS OF IMPORTANCE TO ROK SUCH AS IN ADDIS WHERE OAU IS HEADQUARTERED. WIFE AND CHILDREN WERE NOT IN ADDIS DURING LAST YEAR OF NEARLY THREE-YEAR TOUR HERE, BUT PAK GAVE IMPRESSION WIFE, AT LEAST, WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING TO ASUNCION.

2. AS REGARDS BILATERAL ETHIO-KOREAN RELATIONS, PAK PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON ROK'S COMMERCIAL THAN ITS POLITICAL INTERESTS ALTHOUGH THE TWO ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, OF COURSE. HE REALIZED POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM ETHIOPIANS WAS HOPELESS. LAST YEAR WHEN MILITARILY HARD-PRESSED ETHIOPIA  
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WAS IN NEED OF UNIFORMS FOR MILITIA FAST, HE ARRANGED FOR CONTRACTING, PRODUCTION AND AIRLIFT OF SOME 80,000 FULL OUTFITS IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS. ROK WORKERS' RESPONSE, HE INDICATED IN FAREWELL SPEECHES, REFLECTED ROK'S ETERNAL GRATITUDE FOR ETHIOPIAN HELP DURING KOREAN WAR -- SOMEWHAT TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF THE FEW MID-LEVEL ETHIOPIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PRE-DEPARTURE MEALS. HE ALSO MADE REPRESENT-

TATIONS -- UNSUCCESSFULLY -- TO THIS EMBASSY IN HOPE OF GETTING  
U.S. EXPORT PERMIT FOR AMERICAN-MADE HELMETS WHICH KOREAN  
FIRM WOULD HAVE LIKED TO EXPORT TO ETHIOPIA.

3. PAK WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN LATEST POLITICAL GOSSIP  
BUT WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY GOOD SOURCE. TO HIS CREDIT, HE  
DID NOT PASS ALONG AS MUCH BUM INFORMATION AS SOME OF HIS  
ASIAN COLLEAGUES.  
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